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Doar Paul:

Attached is a copy of the completed "Basic Nater Monitoring Program" for your review and use in developing the FY 78 program plans. As I indicated previously in my letter of January 5, 1977, our first task seems to be to select those stations in your State which should become a part of the national "core" network of fixed stations. At some point it will be helpful to all if we were to neet together, but inorder to make such a meeting more meaningful, I would appreciate receiving recommendations as to which of your network stations that you recently sent to me should become a part of the national "core" network. I also ask that you coordinate any monitoring that is done for you under contract by an Interstate Agency or other State agency so that those waters are also covered on those maps.

It probably would also be timely to consider which intensive surveys will be planned for FY 73. This will be addressed in the FY 78 program plan guidance.

I realize you have just so many manhours available to do water monitoring but the "Basic Program" will give us a plan to work from. Our job is to come to an agreement on how it will begin to be implemented in your State in FY 73. This way we can get the most from our very scarce resources.

Sincerely your:

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